

What praise Is addressed to the luminous
(Acran),
that is agreeable to the gods,—that
AGNI who is
immortal, and observant of truth,
who is the
inToker of the gods₃ the performer' of
sacrifices, and
who,- (present) amongst men, conYeys
oblations to
the deities?

2. Bring hither, with praises. Mm who
is most
constant in sacrifices^ observant of
truth, and the
inyoker (of the gods); for AGNI, when he
repairs to
the gods, on the part of man, knows
those (who
are to be worshipped), and worships
them with
reTerence.^a

3. For he is the performer of rites;
he is the
destroyer and reviver (of all things) f
and, like a
friend, he is the donor of unattained
wealth. All
men reverencing the gods₃ and
approaching the
well-looking AGXI, repeat his name
first, in holy
rites.

4. May AGXI, who is the chief director
of sacri-
fices, and the destroyer of enemies,
accept our
praise and worship, with, oblations; and
may those
who are -affluent with great wealth,
who are en-
dowed with strength, and by whom the
sacrificial „
food has been prepared, be desirous to

offer adoration.

^a The expression of the text is *manasd*, 'with, the mind;' but the Scholiast reads *namasd*, 'with reverence,'³ asserting that the letters *n* and *m* are transposed.

¹⁵ The words are *unary* & and *sddhu*: the Commentator explains the first, 'the Jailer or extirpator of all • and the latter, the producer.